

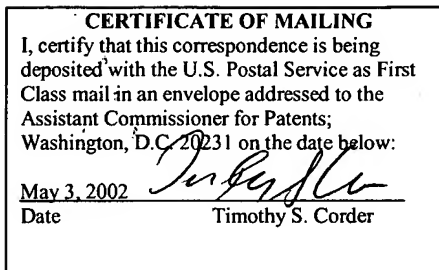
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Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/031,922 based on International Patent Application PCT/US00/20040 entitled "PRESERVED PHARMACEUTICAL FORMULATIONS" by Atef Gayed (Our Ref: MAR618/75000/4-006(A)US)  
**Confirmation No. 2807**

Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 5, 2002, enclosed please find for filing with the above-referenced patent application:

- 1) Response to Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 5, 2002;
- 2) Declaration;
- 3) Copy of Notification of Missing Requirements dated March 5, 2002; and
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Very truly yours,  
  
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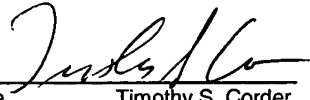
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**RESPONSE TO 35 U.S.C. 371 NOTICE**

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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) dated March 5, 2002, enclosed herewith for filing are the following:

- (a) Declaration executed on behalf of Atef Gayed; and
- (d) A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371.

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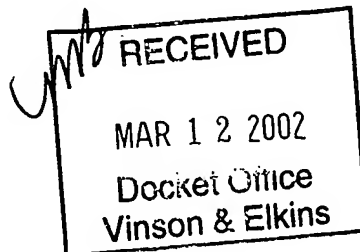


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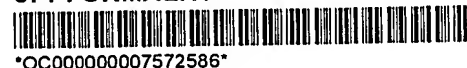
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### NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)

The following items have been submitted by the applicant or the IB to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):

- U.S. Basic National Fees
- Copy of IPE Report
- Copy of references cited in ISR
- Copy of the International Application
- Copy of the International Search Report

The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:

- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.

**ALL OF THE ITEMS SET FORTH ABOVE MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN TWO (2) MONTH FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR BY 22 or 32 MONTHS (where 37 CFR 1.495 applies) FROM THE PRIORITY DATE FOR THE APPLICATION, WHICHEVER IS LATER. FAILURE TO PROPERLY RESPOND WILL RESULT IN ABANDONMENT.**

The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Applicant is reminded that any communications to the United States Patent and Trademark Office must be mailed to the address given in the heading and include the U.S. application no. shown above (37 CFR 1.5)

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